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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Botha, et al.

Serial No.: 09/779,237

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: The Regulation and Manipulation of Sucrose Content in Sugarcane

Examiner: R. Kallis

Group Art Unit: 1638

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Dear Sir:

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NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003 for two months from June 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003.

 (CHECK HOW MANY MONTHS EXTENSIONS TAKEN) Large Entity
 First Month
 \$110.00

 Second Month
 \$420.00

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 Third Month
 \$950.00

 Fourth Month
 \$1,450.00

 Fifth Month
 \$1,970.00

 TOTAL BEFORE SUBTRACTION OF PREVIOUS EXTENSION
 \$950.00

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\$410.00

New value of 2 month extension

after October 1, 2003 fee amount changes

\$420.00

3 month time extension fee due:

\$950.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

\$530.00

A check in the amount of \$530.00 has been submitted herewith to include the aforementioned fees payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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